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Did you know?

- Investments in afterschool programs have been demonstrated to save taxpayers money by keeping students busy during the periods when they are most likely to engage in deviant behavior, decreasing such behavior.¹
- Nationally, on average, it costs \$252,000 to incarcerate a juvenile for one year and only \$1,300 to support one child in an afterschool program for one year.²
- More juvenile crimes are committed between 3 pm and 6 p.m. than in any other time in a 24-hour period.⁸
- During afterschool hours, children are more likely to be victims of a crime, be involved in an accident, or use drugs, cigarettes & alcohol.⁹
- Each year, 6,000 high school students drop out, costing \$2 billion in lost wages over their lifetime.³
- Nearly \$40 million a year in crime-related costs could be saved by increasing Utah male graduation rates by just 5 %.⁴
- About two-thirds of prison inmates are high school dropouts, and one third of all juvenile offenders read below the fourth-grade level.⁵
- Afterschool participants are more likely to graduate, have lower incidences of drug use, violence and teen pregnancy—all of which help to make them more productive, caring and economically strong citizens.⁶
- In Utah, a 2009 report indicates 55 percent of regular attendees of afterschool programs improved their academic performance, 57 percent improved their attendance, and 64 percent improved their behavior in class.⁷

Utah Profile

- **602,424** children in Utah are between the ages of 5 and 17.¹⁵
- **32 %** of Utah's population is under the age of 18, compared to 24 % nationally in 2008.¹⁶
- **Over half** (52%) of Utah's children have both parents working outside of the home.¹⁷
- **40%** of children who receive child care subsidy from DWS during the school year (September – May) are between 5-12 years old.¹⁸
- **74%** of Utah mothers with school-age children work.¹⁹
- During the summer months, options for child care decrease for school age children.²⁰
- **49%** of all children receiving child care subsidy during the summer months are between 5-12 years old.²¹

Why does Utah need afterschool?

The demand for afterschool programs is higher than ever.¹⁰ In 2010, there were 602,424 school-age youth in grades K-12 in Utah.¹¹ Research shows that quality afterschool programs provide many benefits to students, parents and communities.

Some of the benefits of afterschool programs include:

- Improved social skills and reduction in behavior problems
- Decreased substance abuse and crime
- Increased school attendance and graduation rates
- Enhanced academic achievement
- Improved health and physical activity

28% of Utah's K-12 youth are responsible for taking care of themselves after school.¹² This means, 168,679 children spend an average of 8 hours per week unsupervised afterschool.

9% of Utah's K-12 children (54,218) participate in afterschool programs.¹³

35% of all Utah children not in afterschool would be likely to participate IF an afterschool program were available in the community, regardless of their current care arrangement.¹⁴

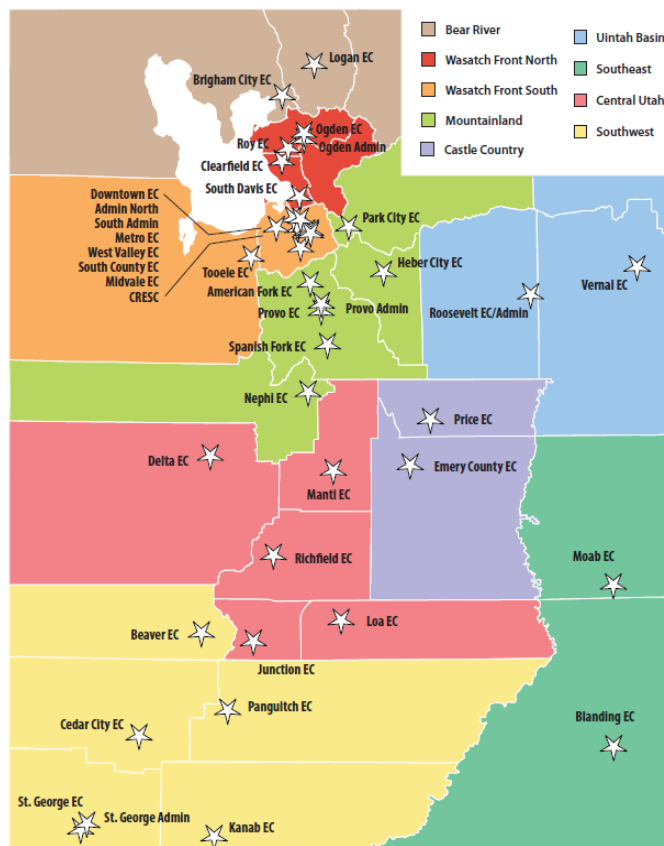
Mission & Vision

Our mission is to facilitate sustainable Afterschool programs in the state of Utah. We envision quality Afterschool partnerships and programs in all Utah communities that are:

- Safe
- Age appropriate
- Accessible
- Affordable

Partnerships & Funding Redesign

1. Identify **qualified funds** in the community that can be used to draw down Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) federal match dollars.
2. **Increase access** to afterschool programs in rural areas by competitively releasing and distributing funds according to youth population (5-12 years old) and in alignment with the DWS Economic Service Areas (ESA).
3. Generate local awareness and support for afterschool programming by **promoting partnerships** in ESA.
4. **Increase the subsidy** (DWS childcare assistance) pool to provide one subsidy rate for elementary-age youth, benefitting both families and caregivers.



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